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Irregular verbs list PDF: printable chart and exercises with answers



with answer key

The 115 most common English irregular verbs with their past simple and past participle, and five exercises to learn them. Answers are on the last page. Level A1-B1.

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RULE

Irregular verbs list: arise - bring

Base form (V1)	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)	Meaning
arise	arose	arisen	come up, appear
be	was / were	been	am, is, are
beat	beat	beaten	hit, win against
become	became	become	start to be
begin	began	begun	start
bend	bent	bent	make curved
bet	bet	bet	risk money on
bite	bit	bitten	cut with teeth
blow	blew	blown	push out air
break	broke	broken	split into pieces
bring	brought	brought	carry here

RULE

Irregular verbs list: build - fly

Base form (V1)	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)	Meaning
build	built	built	make (a house)
burn	burnt / burned	burnt / burned	be on fire
burst	burst	burst	break open suddenly
buy	bought	bought	pay to get
catch	caught	caught	take hold of
choose	chose	chosen	pick
come	came	come	move here
cost	cost	cost	have a price of
cut	cut	cut	divide with a knife
deal	dealt	dealt	handle, trade
dig	dug	dug	make a hole
dive	dived (US: dove)	dived	jump into water
do	did	done	perform an action
draw	drew	drawn	make a picture
dream	dreamt / dreamed	dreamt / dreamed	see in your sleep
drink	drank	drunk	take in liquid
drive	drove	driven	control a car
eat	ate	eaten	have food
fall	fell	fallen	drop down
feed	fed	fed	give food to
feel	felt	felt	sense, experience
fight	fought	fought	battle
find	found	found	discover
fly	flew	flown	move through the air

RULE

Irregular verbs list: forbid - lie

Base form (V1)	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)	Meaning
forbid	forbade	forbidden	not allow
forget	forgot	forgotten	not remember
forgive	forgave	forgiven	stop being angry with
freeze	froze	frozen	turn to ice
get	got	got (US: gotten)	receive, become
give	gave	given	hand to someone
go	went	gone	move, travel
grow	grew	grown	get bigger
hang	hung	hung	put on a hook
have	had	had	own, hold
hear	heard	heard	notice sounds
hide	hid	hidden	keep out of sight
hit	hit	hit	strike
hold	held	held	keep in your hand
hurt	hurt	hurt	cause pain
keep	kept	kept	continue to have
know	knew	known	have information
lay	laid	laid	put down flat
lead	led	led	guide, be in charge
learn	learnt / learned	learnt / learned	get knowledge
leave	left	left	go away
lend	lent	lent	give for a time
let	let	let	allow
lie	lay	lain	be flat, rest

RULE

Irregular verbs list: light - show

Base form (V1)	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)	Meaning
light	lit	lit	start a fire
lose	lost	lost	no longer have
make	made	made	create
mean	meant	meant	have as a meaning
meet	met	met	see and talk to
pay	paid	paid	give money
prove	proved	proved / proven	show to be true
put	put	put	place
quit	quit	quit	stop, leave
read	read	read	look at words
ride	rode	ridden	travel on (a bike, a horse)
ring	rang	rung	make a bell sound
rise	rose	risen	go up
run	ran	run	move fast
say	said	said	speak words
see	saw	seen	notice with your eyes
seek	sought	sought	look for
sell	sold	sold	give for money
send	sent	sent	make something go
set	set	set	put, fix
shake	shook	shaken	move quickly up and down
shine	shone	shone	give light
shoot	shot	shot	fire a gun
show	showed	shown	let someone see

RULE

Irregular verbs list: shrink - tell

Base form (V1)	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)	Meaning
shrink	shrank	shrunk	become smaller
shut	shut	shut	close
sing	sang	sung	make music with your voice
sink	sank	sunk	go under water
sit	sat	sat	be on a chair
sleep	slept	slept	rest at night
slide	slid	slid	move smoothly
smell	smelt / smelled	smelt / smelled	notice with your nose
speak	spoke	spoken	talk
spend	spent	spent	use money or time
spread	spread	spread	cover a surface
stand	stood	stood	be on your feet
steal	stole	stolen	take without asking
stick	stuck	stuck	fix with glue
sting	stung	stung	hurt (of an insect)
strike	struck	struck	hit
swear	swore	sworn	promise, use rude words
sweep	swept	swept	clean with a brush
swim	swam	swum	move in water
swing	swung	swung	move from side to side
take	took	taken	get, carry away
teach	taught	taught	help someone learn
tear	tore	torn	rip
tell	told	told	say to someone

RULE

Irregular verbs list: think - write

Base form (V1)	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)	Meaning
think	thought	thought	use your mind
throw	threw	thrown	send through the air
understand	understood	understood	know the meaning
wake	woke	woken	stop sleeping
wear	wore	worn	have clothes on
weep	wept	wept	cry
win	won	won	come first
write	wrote	written	put words on paper

RULE

Past simple or past participle?

- **Past Simple** (V2) stands on its own, with no helping verb. *I went home yesterday.*
- **Past Participle** (V3) comes after have, has or had, and after be in the passive. *He has gone home.* *The letter was written in pencil.*

Watch out: with yesterday, last week or two years ago, use the past simple. Say *I saw him yesterday*, not *I have seen him yesterday*.

1 Complete the chart

Write the missing forms of each verb.

1 **choose -** ____ **-** ____

2 ____ **- flew -** ____

3 **bring -** ____ **-** ____

4 ____ **-** ____ **- ridden**

5 teach - ____ - ____

6 ____ - fought - ____

7 wear - ____ - ____

8 ____ - ____ - begun

2 Past simple or past participle?

Choose the correct form.

1 We ____ to the beach yesterday. — a) gone / b) went

2 Have you ever ____ a horse? — a) ridden / b) rode

3 The bell has already ____ . — a) rang / b) rung

4 She ____ a glass of milk before bed. — a) drunk / b) drank

5 My phone is ____ again. — a) broken / b) broke

6 They have ____ to Spain three times. — a) flew / b) flown

7 He ____ the letter in pencil. — a) wrote / b) written

3 Irregular verbs in the past simple

Put the verb in brackets into the past simple.

1 Last summer we ____ (swim) in the lake.

2 I ____ (leave) my bag on the bus.

3 She ____ (teach) English in Japan.

4 The dog ____ (bite) the postman.

5 He ____ (fall) and ____ (feel) silly.

6 We ____ (sit) at the back.

4 From past simple to present perfect

Rewrite each sentence in the present perfect: have or has + past participle.

1 **I lost my keys.**

2 **She wrote three emails.**

3 **They ate all the cake.**

4 **He took my umbrella.**

5 Find the mistake

Each sentence has a typical mistake with an irregular verb. Find it and correct it.

1 **Mr Lee teached us maths last year.**

2 **I seen that film twice.**

3 **My dad brang a cake to the party.**

4 **She thought us how to swim.**

5 **We have came by bus.**

Answer key

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1

1 chose / chosen
2 fly / flown
3 brought / brought
4 ride / rode
5 taught / taught
6 fight / fought
7 wore / worn
8 begin / began

2

1 b) went
2 a) ridden
3 b) rung
4 b) drank
5 a) broken
6 b) flown
7 a) wrote

3

1 swam
2 left
3 taught
4 bit
5 fell / felt
6 sat

4

1 I have lost my keys. (I've lost my keys.)
2 She has written three emails. (She's written three emails.)
3 They have eaten all the cake. (They've eaten all the cake.)
4 He has taken my umbrella. (He's taken my umbrella.)

5

1 Mr Lee taught us maths last year.
2 I have seen that film twice. (I saw that film twice.)
3 My dad brought a cake to the party.
4 She taught us how to swim.
5 We have come by bus. (We came by bus.)

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